

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 865

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Barbara Ann
Christian Sproul of Williamsport.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the passing of Mrs. Barbara Sproul; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sproul was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Florence, Alabama, Barbara Sproul was the daughter of the late William Maynard Christian and Alma Angel Christian; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sproul graduated from Columbia Central High School and was employed in Dr. Andrew Sisk's office, where she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Sproul generously donated her time and incredible talents to such noteworthy organizations as the James K. Polk Memorial Association and the Red Hats Society; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sproul was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church, which she served faithfully for many years as a member of the Bruce Strothers Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Sproul enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, James D. Sproul and was the proud mother of a son, Franklin Michael Clark and his wife, Stephanie; two daughters, Elizabeth Clark Brunette and her husband, Paul, and Amy Christian Clark Nichols and her husband, Scott; a stepdaughter, Elizabeth Sproul Parker and her husband, Lynn; and two stepsons, Jon Sproul and his wife, Kim, and David Sproul; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sproul was also the beloved grandmother to her fourteen grandchildren, Megan, Nathan, Billy, Rebecca, Lauren, Lane, Elizabeth, Dakota, Jake, Rachel, Madison, April, Julia, and Sydney; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her stepson, Jimmy Sproul; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sproul leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mrs. Barbara Ann Christian Sproul, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mrs. Barbara Sproul.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.